

Docket No.: 2038-230

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

N. SHIMOE et al.

Serial No. 09/458,077

Group Art Unit: 3761

Filed: December 10, 1999

Examiner: M. Kidwell

For: DISPOSABLE BODY FLUIDS ABSORBENT ARTICLE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.☐ Small entity status of this application has been established.☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	17	20	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	3	0	x \$ 80 =	\$ 0.00
If multiple claims newly presented, add \$260.00					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$ 0.00</b>

☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2001, which was made Final. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments **as to form** be entered to place this application in condition for allowance.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 10, 11, 16, 17 and 20 as follows:

10. (Amended) The article of claim 6, wherein said core further contains super-absorptive polymer particles distributed only in the central region.

11. (Amended) The article of claim 6, wherein said core comprises a plurality of indentations arranged along each of said lines, each indentation having side walls extending from an opening formed on the upper surface toward the lower surface and ending at a bottom, thereby defining the indented regions.